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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 27 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-27-13

There will be a <u>105-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday July 27 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31** in the following areas:

- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section which is open until further notice);
- The Northeast Kodiak District, and
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**.

There will be an <u>81-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday July 27 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 30** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the **Terror** and **Uyak Bay** sections <u>will</u> remain closed);
- The **Afognak District**, (except the Outer Kitoi, and Inner Kitoi Bay sections remain closed, the Duck Bay and northern portion of Izhut Bay sections are open until further notice).

As Previously Announced:

There will be a commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the **Alitak District** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section, from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, July 25 to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 27:
- The Moser Bay Section, from noon Thursday, July 25 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27;

- The Alitak Bay Section, from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27; and,
- The Cape Alitak Section from 6:00 a.m. Friday, July 26 to 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 28.

The Humpy-Deadman Section of the Alitak District will close at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

The Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District is will close at 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 26.

The following areas remain open until further notice:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area;
- The Inner Ugak Bay Section of the Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District, and
- The **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.
- At Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415), Hearst Creek (stream # 259-414), and Rough Creek (stream # 259-416) in Saltery Cove to the stream terminus of each stream, for commercial salmon fishing.
- In Chiniak Bay, for subsistence fishing, at the Buskin River (stream# 259-211) at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

To ensure Chinook (king) salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District bounded by the latitude of Spruce Cape and the latitude of Termination Point until <u>August 1, 2013</u> king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.